

# TWO OFFICE BUILDINGS AND RESIDENCE NEARLY FINISHED; WESTORY AND UNION TRUST HAVE TENANTS IN THEIR ROOMS

## John R. McLean House Stands on Border Line

Marks Boundary of Business Section—Great Ballroom is Feature of Massive Imposing Structure.

Two important additions to the business buildings of the city, the Westory and the Union Trust Company buildings, and, within a block of the latter, and interesting addition to the number of important residences of the city, have been so nearly completed in the last week that they present to the passer-by a practically completed appearance.

The scaffolding that has stood high about the westory building on the northeast corner of Fourteenth and F streets has now been torn down, exposing the handsome first and second stories. The columns of white terra cotta, with great doors and plate-glass show windows, both on Fourteenth and F streets, and the towering white structure above, make a decided change at this old corner, where for many years stood the red brick residence of Dr. Stone. It makes now a fitting complement to the tall building of the new Willard diagonally across the street.

### Will Be Ready in Fortnight.

The builders, Edwin Gilbert & Co., say that the Westory will be ready for tenants in two weeks and that already several tenants have moved in. Bryan & Co., now located at the corner of Fifteenth and F streets, will occupy the entire first floor. That it will be filled on completion is indicated by the numerous applications received for space by Westcott & Story, the agents for the building. They say that they receive from ten to twenty such applications daily.

In the basement will probably be located a rathskeller. A Philadelphia man now has an option on this part of the building for restaurant purposes, and there is no reason to believe that he will not exercise it.

The effect of this building upon values of realty in the neighborhood cannot be questioned. The demand for store and office space in this vicinity seems steady and strong, and is further illustrated by the approaching completion of the additional story on the American National bank building. Even with the Chamber of Commerce contemplating a large store and office structure on the G street corner above, or on the corner of Thirteenth and F streets, the demand for such space seems to anticipate the supply.

### New Union Trust Building.

The Union Trust Company building, three squares to the northwest, at the corner of Fifteenth and H streets, also emphasizes the demand for office space. Forty-six offices in this building are now occupied, and inquiries for the remainder of the 200 in the building have been made.

As in the case of the Westory building the scaffolding and surrounding fences have now been cleared away from this building, disclosing the lower portion. The whole structure presents a fine example of even tone in white granite, a difficult accomplishment with this material, and suggests marble. The main part of the first floor, or the banking room, will be occupied by the Union Trust Company, and the lower section by Thomas J. Fisher & Co. The banking room will be ready for occupancy by December, according to the expectations of the builders, the George A. Fuller Company.

In this room are ten marble columns, eight of which are large green ones, and the two smaller, white. The fixtures are of bronze on marble wainscot-

ing. This marble is an almost pure white Norwegian stone. There is also used in this room considerable fumed oak. The oak is treated with ammonia fumes, in such a way as to produce a very pleasing effect. The offices are finished in birch stained to a mahogany tone.

Heavy bronze work in railings and window screens is the scheme for the exterior of the first floor, corresponding to the dark metal behind the columns in the upper stories, making a striking contrast with the white granite.

### New McLean Residence.

The low, broad structure on I street, occupying the entire end of the block between Vermont avenue and Sixteenth street, the future downtown residence of John R. McLean, is now complete as to its exterior, and workmen are busily engaged in finishing the interior. But two stories in height, yet extending over so large an area, the house with its projecting eaves and peculiar brick and stone materials is one of the most interesting additions to the residence architecture of the Capital. Mass and solidity is the first impression gained, and one wonders what can be within to use the space.

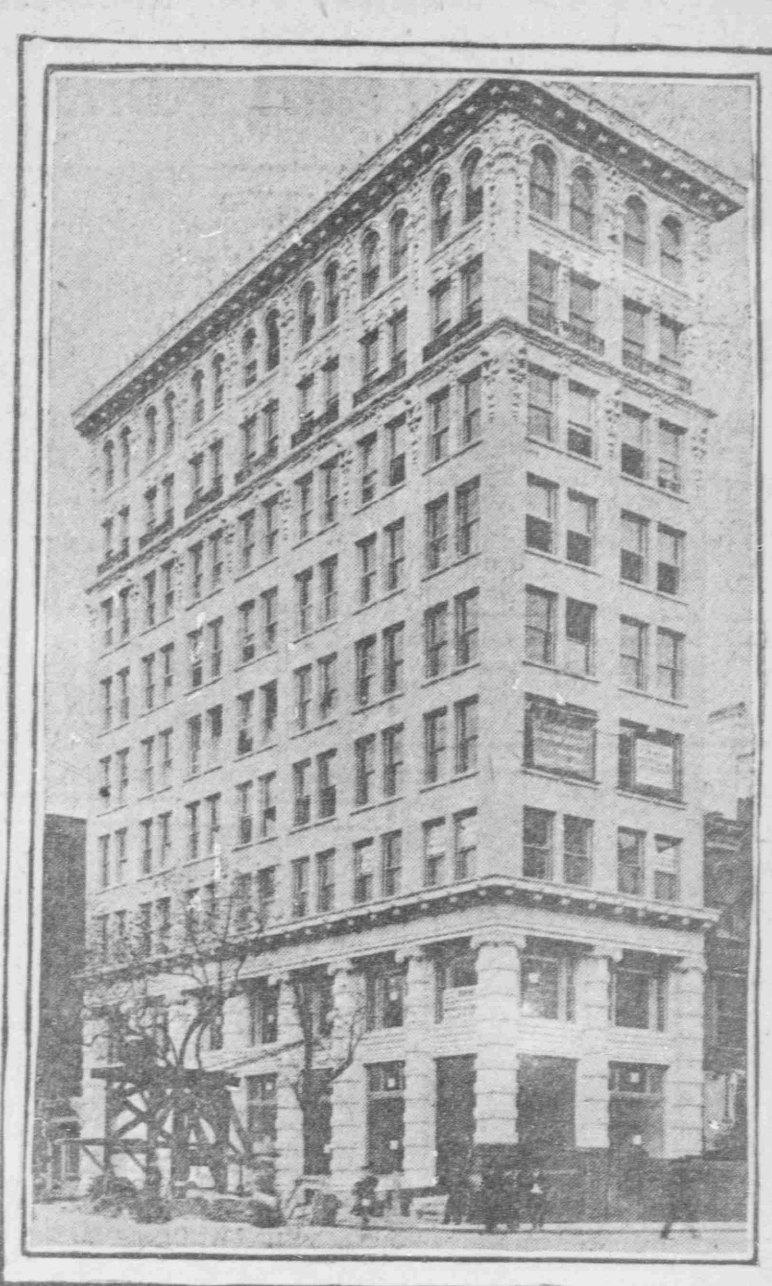
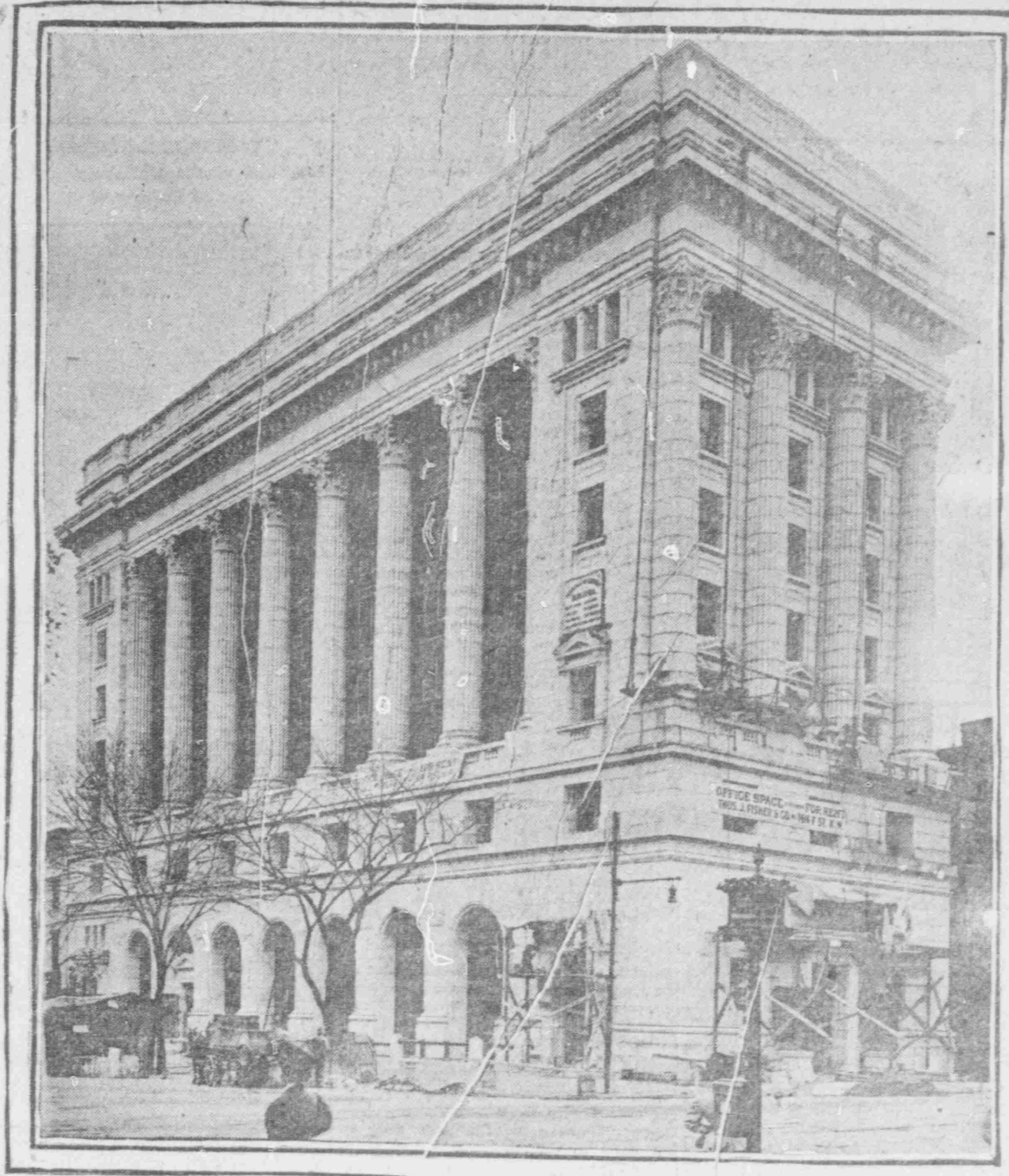
On entering the great doorway on I street and passing the heavy wrought iron and glass doors, one comes immediately to a short stair leading to the reception hall. This is a comparatively small room, and leads on the right to the library and on the left to the tapestry gallery. The hall is finished from the floor to the ceiling in fumed oak like that used in the bank room of the Union Trust Company building. From the tapestry gallery a broad staircase leads to the upper rooms of the house and the rooms on the first floor on the Sixteenth street side open into the gallery.

### Ballroom the Main Feature.

The main feature of the whole building, however, is the great ballroom. One entrance to this is directly from the center of the reception hall, but the main entrance is from the center of the tapestry hall. The room is 45 by 85 feet and the skylight and vaulted ceiling is 45 feet above the floor. Opposite the main entrance on the Vermont avenue side of the room is a huge fireplace of stone which takes an eight-foot log. The mantel is supported on each side by two Atlases, each six feet tall.

There are two sets of doors to the main doorway of the ballroom, which is 17½ feet high and 15 feet wide, one of two heavy sliding iron doors, used for fire protection only, and the others, likewise sliding, of bronze and plate glass. The bronze and glass doors each weigh two tons, but are so nicely balanced that it is comparatively easy to move them in and out. On the north side of the room is a balcony for musicians. This great room is entirely fireproof. The builders, the George A. Fuller Company, say that the entire house about it might burn without affecting it.

This residence, one of the most pretentious in the city, and the Union Trust Company building, but one block to the south, may mark the frontiers of the northwest residence and business sections, and would seem to enhance values in that vicinity. Each seems to oppose the other, and say, "Thus far shalt thou go and no further."



WESTORY BUILDING.

It is at Fourteenth and F Streets, and is Almost Finished.

UNION TRUST BUILDING,  
It Is of White Granite, and Will House  
Many Firms.

DEAL OF \$50,000  
IN CITY PROPERTY  
MADE YESTERDAY

Out-of-Town Purchasers  
May Make Improve-  
ments Later.

William H. Saunders & Co. last night announced the contract for the sale of a large block of downtown property for \$50,000 cash. Until the deed is put on record the exact location of the ground and the names of the buyers will not be made public, but there are several houses and one store on the property and the investors are out-of-town parties.

Mr. Saunders says the buyers have taken the property as an investment, but may decide to improve it later.

This announcement comes at a particularly fortunate time, for it shows the tendency of outside capital to seek Washington real estate both for good returns and for security.

### Smaller Deals.

The same firm also announces several smaller deals that have been closed within the past few days. Among these are the sale of the two-story apartment house at Third and V streets northeast, for Dr. W. H. Atkinson; a fifty-foot front lot on Holmead avenue in Holmead Manor, to John H. Lloyd, on which he will erect two two-story brick dwellings; a three-story brick dwelling on Q street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets for the Columbus Delano estate; the corner concrete residence, 622 Ninth street, Brightwood Park, to Charles Nussbaum; a fifty-foot front lot in Petworth on New Hampshire avenue, to Claude Livingston; and a lot at the corner of Kansas avenue and Shepherd street, for H. L. Thornton.

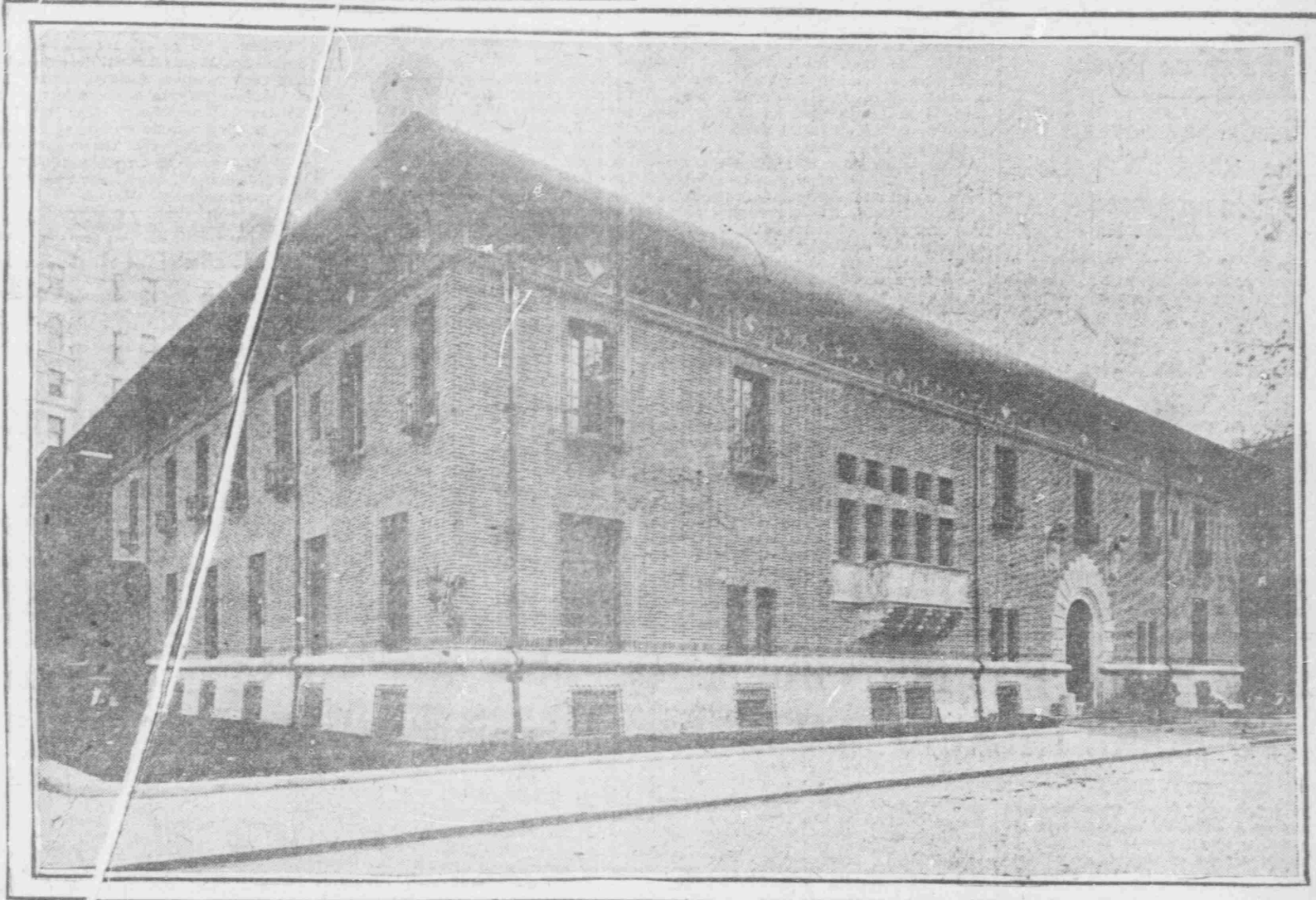
There is an optimistic feeling in real estate circles this week. Sales of residences have been numerous and at good prices and pieces obtained for property at auction have been exceptionally strong.

### Washington Property Attractive.

The realization of local investors and foreign investors, too, that Washington realty is at all times a most attractive proposition from every standpoint and particularly so from a security standpoint when other securities are more or less uncertain is shown by the volume of transactions recorded and the number of large deals pending. Another feature of the past week is that there is money to be had for 5½ and even 5 per cent. One dealer has placed about \$100,000 recently, most of it being at 5 per cent, and the smaller money is not by any means the rule in Washington. This again emphasizes with what security Washington realty is regarded.

### A PUSHING LINE.

A party of traveling men in a Chicago hotel were one day being sitting of the business done by their respective firms, when one of the druggists said: "No house in this country," I am proud to say, "has more men and women pushing its line of goods than mine." "What do you mean?" he was asked. "Baby carriages," he shouted the drummer, as he fled from the room.—From Success Magazine.



JOHN R. McLEAN'S NEW RESIDENCE, ON THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE BUSINESS AND THE RESIDENCE SECTIONS.

ROW OF HOUSES  
QUICKLY SOLD

Fifteen Out of Nineteen  
Have Been Disposed of in  
Southeast Section.

The continued disposition of home buyers and investors to put their money into Washington homes is again shown by the record of sales in the row of houses recently erected at the northeast corner of Fourteenth and F streets southeast. Willige, Gibbs & Daniel have disposed of seven houses in this row within the last week, numbers 536, 540, 542, 544, 546, and 550 Fourteenth street, and 1410 G street southeast. This makes a total of fifteen houses sold in the row, leaving only four to be disposed of. The houses are modern, two-story Roman brick structures, with six large and a porcelain bath, furnace heat, and a number of extra features which appeal to the housekeeper and add to the attractiveness of the interior. These houses present a handsome appearance, considering their size, and have been sold at prices ranging from \$2,500 to \$2,750 to individual purchasers who will occupy them as homes.

The demand for these dwellings is attributed by Mr. Willige, president of Willige, Gibbs & Daniel, to the fact that they are only half a block from the Pennsylvania avenue car line, and have been placed on sale at a favorable price.

HOME FOR WIDOWS  
IS NEARLY COMPLETED

The Eden Home for Indigent Widows, at the northeast corner of Thirtieth and N streets northwest, which has been in course of construction for several months, is rapidly nearing completion, and when completed will have cost about \$10,000. A fund for the building and maintenance of this institution was provided for in the will of the late Margaret Edeas, of Georgetown.

Cut. George L. Nicholson, of 3069 Q street northwest, president of the Eden Home committee.

PROPERTY SOLD  
BY MOORE & HILL

Thomas Pickford Will Erect  
Apartment House on  
Rothert Property.

The Moore & Hill Real Estate Company reports the following recent sales: For Mrs. Emily J. Wilkins to James P. Donahoe, 120 Columbia road, \$7,500. For Percy W. Pickford to Joseph Lord, 127 E street southeast, for \$3,350. For S. Morris Pool, 636 S street northwest, for \$5,500.

To W. H. Athens, 132 D street northeast.

For the Rothert Estate, in square 764, bounded by First and Second and D and North Carolina avenue southeast, one of the lots fronting sixty-four feet on First street, by a depth of 150 feet, Thomas H. Pickford will erect a four-story apartment house to cost about \$40,000 on this lot.

For Edward B. Blizard to B. F. Parker, 158 Thirtieth street northwest. For John V. Spindle to Horace G. Harding, 123 Tenth street northwest. For Charles W. Rippey to J. W. Johnston, 213 Twelfth street northeast, for \$4,150.

For Thomas H. Pickford to Francis J. Siebel, 548 Fourteenth street southeast. For Matthew Koerner, 623 Fifteenth street northeast.

For J. H. Tabbs, 618 C street northeast.

### PREFER CLUBS.

The Canaques of New Orleans prefer for defense clubs made of hard wood, highly polished, and ending in curious or artistic forms. Sometimes these bludgeons are made of stone strengthened with wood in an ingenious way, and through it is pushed a small branch of a growing banyan tree. In a year or two this branch is cut off and a tight fit for its stone case, and the club has become a formidable head-breaker.—Detroit Press.

CANAL WORK REPORTED  
BY CHIEF ENGINEER

The Washington office of the Isthmian Canal Commission yesterday afternoon received a cable from the chief engineer, Colonel Goethals, on the isthmus, saying that the excavation on the canal during last month (October) was as follows:

Culebra division, 536,891 cubic yards, against 733,283 cubic yards in September. Gatun locks and spillway, 177,013 cubic yards, against 122,758 cubic yards in September. Mindi, Chagres, and La Boca, 78,513 cubic yards, against 55,813 cubic yards in September. Colon division, 400,622 cubic yards, against 463,842 cubic yards in September. La Boca division, 357,322 cubic yards, against 144,653 cubic yards in September. Total from canal prism, 1,844,471 cubic yards, against 1,451,307 cubic yards in September. Accessory work outside canal prism, 24,238 cubic yards, against 35,108 cubic yards in September. Total excavation for September, 1,868,709 cubic yards, against 1,486,415 cubic yards in September. The rainfall for the month of October was 17.1 inches, against 11.9 in September. The excavation for the month of October, 1906, was 538,254 cubic yards, against 1,308,723 cubic yards for October of this year.

### P. O. ANNEX NEARLY READY.

The new addition to the Georgetown postoffice on Thirty-first street has nearly been completed. The improvements cost about \$5,000.

APARTMENT HOUSES  
ON M STREET FINISHED

P. T. Moran, of 325 M street northwest, has completed the erection of the two modern apartment houses at the northeast corner of Thirtieth and P streets northwest. James Dunn was the contractor.

Only a few of the apartments are still vacant, most of them having been engaged several months ago. The cheapest flat will be \$5. The two buildings, exclusive of the cost of the lot, cost Mr. Moran about \$90,000, while the lot cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, the purchase being made from the Mayfield estate.

The lot is about 100 feet square, fronting on both P and Thirtieth streets.

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WISCONSIN AVE. STORE  
TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION

The four-story brick business and residence building 1229 Wisconsin avenue northwest will be sold at public auction on November 7.

**BUILDING HOUSE ON Q STREET.**  
W. D. Green has started building a modern brick dwelling on the north side of Q street, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets northwest. Richard Ough has the contract.

**ADDS STORY TO HOUSE.**  
John B. Nicholls is making extensive repairs to the building purchased by him from the estate of Henry Kengia, located at 1439 Wisconsin avenue northwest. An additional story is being added.

**JOHN COLEMAN PURCHASES PROSPECT AVENUE HOUSE**  
John Coleman has purchased from Joseph W. Craig, through J. McKenney Berry, the two-story brick dwelling on the south side of Prospect avenue northwest, between Thirtieth and Thirty-fifth streets, immediately adjoining the Kidwell mansion, the price being \$4,500.

This house is one of the row recently built by Thomas M. Talbot, of Rockville.

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